task of upgradation of certain coal mines in the State of Bihar for supply of various grades of Coal to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Coal from the Bihar mines is yet to commence supply to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereof, and what action has been taken by Government to ensure supply of Coal from Bihar to Visakhapatnam Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited has the overall responsibility of supplying requisite grades of indigenous coal to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited. Parej Opencast Project in Bihar has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 116.19 crores for a capacity 1.75 million tonnes per annum. Besides other projects like Jharkhand Opencast Project (capacity 1.0 million tonnes per annum). Topa reorganisation Project (capacity 1.2 million tonnes per annum) and Kathara reorganisation Opencast Project (capacity 1.8 million tonnes per annum) are in the pipe-line.

(c) At present approximately 70,000 tonnes of coal per month is being supplied to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant from Gidi and Swang Washeries in Bihar and these washeries receive raw coal from West Bokaro coalfield in Bihar.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Expansion of Coal production in Singareni Collieries in A.P.

292. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand Coal production at Singareni Collieries in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what other steps have been proposed by Government to expand the mines during the 8th Five Year Plan in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The target for SCCL for 1993-94 is 24 m.t. For the year 1994-95, the target is yet to be finalised in consultation with Planning Commission. It is likely to be 25.50 m. t.

(c) While formulating 8th Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has indicated a production level of 33 m.t. to be achieved by SCCL by 1996-97. This is expected to be realised from following sources:

(In M.T.)

(i) Existing mines/completed project	12.32
(ii) On-going projects	15.93
(iii) New Projects	4.75
TOTAL	33.00

This realisation will, however, depend on adequate nvestments flowing to SCCL during subsequent years.

293. [*Transferred to 14th December 1993*]

रांची स्थित बढ़ोरी में कोयले के भंडार में हेरा फेरी

294. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान**: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सैंट्रल कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड, रांची के बढ़ोरी प्रोजेक्ट में उत्पादित कोयले-भंडार में संबंधित अधिकारियों की मिली भगत से कोयले में मिट्टी और पत्थर मिलाकर नियमित रूप से हेरा फेरी की जा रही है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि वर्ष, 1992-93 में कोयला उत्पादन के 30.80 लाख टन के निर्धारित लक्ष्य के मुकाबले कोयला-भण्डार में केवल 2.16 लाख टन कोयला पाया गया;